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Ford is looking out for himself

Ford flip flops on national inquiry, Oct. 29

When I read that Premier Doug Ford is attempting to quash a summons to appear at the Emergencies Act inquiry because his "first duty is to the Ontario legislature," I choked.

His rate of truancy from our legislature is record-breaking.

He has no problem whatsoever skipping it when there are any fundraisers he can attend to line the Ontario Conservative Party's coffers.

This is nothing but a ruse, a transparent one, to avoid having to reveal the highly politicized nature of his decision-making when our province faced an unprecedented crisis.

Penny Gill, Dundas, Ont.

Let's put wisdom of elders to use

Don't just get older - become an elder, Opinion, Oct. 30

Kudos to Susan V. Bosak in stating "the pinnacle of life becomes empty when it's only about needs and leisure activities, rather than the rich tapestry of life experiences and skills." Sociology 101 maintains that all of society's institutions are dependent and independent of one another, sharing all human and material resources in between.

Every age offers unique skills, intelligence and experiences.

One example: daycares within businesses, run by high school volunteers and qualified Early Childhood Educators, where elders are guest speakers, emotional supports, teachers.

Society needs to bridge the gap between generations, by practising the dictum of "it takes a village" with dignity and respect for every member of society.

Teresa Gaito, Toronto

Time to get tough with Big Oil

Guilbeault slams oilpatch for raking in cash and sitting idle on climate action, Oct. 29

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Once again, we are living in wonderland; the fossil fuel industry is one of the most corrupt and cares nothing about the environment. Profit is its only priority and we keep playing their game with continuing subsidies. It is well past time to get tough with these guys and impose windfall taxes and reduce subsidies. Relying on goodwill will never work.

Peter Bradley, Mississauga

Following Jesus, not the church

Give Jesus, not churches, another chance, Opinion, Oct. 30

Thank you, Michael Coren, for your thought-provoking article.

I was baptized and raised as a Catholic. Attended church with the family every Sunday, received the basic sacraments, went to confession and was inculcated with catechism and Catholic faith requirements throughout elementary and post-secondary schooling.

As I grew up, I began to rebel against the contradictions, hypocrisy and cumbersome rituals of the Catholic Church, but always felt compelled to live a "Christian" lifestyle.

I have long abandoned the church, but I will forever try to live by the goodness, selflessness and love Jesus introduced.

Maurice Sacco, Toronto

Our monetary policy is wrong

Poillievre tells Freeland to commit to budget cuts, Oct. 30

Through reduced spending and sharply hiked interest rates, Canada's fiscal and monetary policy has become contractionary. The goal is to decrease demand to match supply better.

But overall consumer demand has not jumped excessively post-COVID-19.

Rather it is supply that has dramatically decreased.

The correct response is to add more supply. Reducing demand becomes counter-productive.

It signals to business to stop investing and to produce less.

To the extent that we tame inflation by slashing ability to spend, we will leave a trail of destruction, including struggling firms, house mortgage foreclosures and increased suicides.

Larry Kazdan, Vancouver

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